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Application No.: 09/982,975)	Examiner: Shelley M. Self
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For: DEVICE FOR PRESSING A)	
CERAMIC STACKED LAYER)	
STRUCTURE AND METHOD)	
PRESSING A CERAMIC STACKED)	
LAYER STRUCTURE)	

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RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated January 31, 2003, the applicant responds as follows.

REMARKS

Reconsideration is requested for claims 14-21.

Claims 14 and 17-20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,370,760 to *Mori et al.*, and claims 15-16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Mori et al.* Claim 14, from which claims 15-21 depend, defines a method for pressing a ceramic stacked layer structure. According to the method a die is laterally positioned on a die base using a plurality of thrust mechanisms, wherein the die has a bottom plate and sidewalls forming a recess for receiving the ceramic